

WHEREAS, Laura Arrillaga-Andreessen, born, raised, and educated in Palo Alto, has an extraordinary career in venture philanthropy and involvement in the local community and is, along with her technology-executive husband, Marc Andreessen, an active and generous donor to nonprofits in the Silicon Valley; and

WHEREAS, Laura Arrillaga-Andreessen is a graduate of Castilleja School, holds a BA and MA in Art History and MA in Education from Stanford University, and an MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business; Laura was the recipient of the 2001 Jacqueline Kennedy Award for Women in Leadership, and in 2005, she was selected as a Henry Crown Fellow of the Aspen Institute; and

WHEREAS, Laura Arrillaga-Andreessen's commitment to education is noteworthy; a former Public Affairs Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Laura has served on many boards, including the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, Stanford University School of Education, Hoover Institution, and as an advisory board member of Women's Health at Stanford Medical Center; she is a former trustee of Castilleja School, Menlo School, Eastside Preparatory School, San Francisco Art Institute, and Children's Health Council; and

WHEREAS, Laura Arrillaga-Andreessen is the Founder and Chairman Emeritus of the Silicon Valley Social Venture Fund (SV2), a venture philanthropy fund that leverages the financial, intellectual, and human capital of its partners to make a substantial impact on the nonprofit community; Laura co-founded the Stanford Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society at the Haas Center, is Director of the Arrillaga Foundation, which focuses on education and community development in Silicon Valley, and Director of the Marc and Laura Andreessen Foundation, which supports local emergency services and conceptual innovation; and

WHEREAS, Laura Arrillaga-Andreessen is a faculty member at the Stanford Graduate School of Business where she created and teaches Stanford's first courses on Strategic Philanthropy; she is also a Lecturer in the Stanford University School of Education, and Lecturer in Public Policy at the Haas Center for Public Service; she is currently at work writing two books on institutional and individual philanthropy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California does hereby honor and commend

Laura Arrillaga-Andreessen

for her vibrant leadership in philanthropy, professionally and personally, and for her outstanding commitment to building and strengthening the capacity of nonprofits locally and throughout the world.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Fifth Day of May, Two Thousand Nine by unanimous vote.

Donald F. Gage
Supervisor, District One

Liz Kniss, President
Board of Supervisors

George M. Shirakawa
Supervisor, District Two

Dave Cortese
Supervisor, District Three

Ken Yeager
Supervisor, District Four

Attest: Maria Marinos
Clerk, Board of Supervisors